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SUBJECT: BELIZE

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1. AMBASSADOR AT HIS REQUEST SAW FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA ORANTES FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 13, AND PASSED ON TO HIM THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TWO REFTELS CONTAINING CONSULATE BELIZE'S ACCOUNT AND EVALUATION OF PREMIER GEORGE PRICE'S STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS ON SEPTEMBER 6 AND HIS NATIONAL DAY SPEECH ON SEPTEMBER 10. THE FOREIGN MINISTER DISPLAYED KEEN INTEREST IN THESE ACCOUNTS AND EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPEATED HIS CONVICTION THAT TIME WAS NEEDED TO FIND SOME SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF BELIZE AND EMPHASIZED ONCE AGAIN THE HOPE THAT PRICE WILL MAKE NO HASTY OR SUDDEN MOVES TOWARD INDEPENDENCE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID GUATEMALA WISHED TO EMBARK UPON A POLICY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH BELIZE AND IS MAKING PLANS TO ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH CLOSER AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AS PART OF THIS POLICY. HE PLANS TO TALK WITH THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK CONCERNING BELIZE.

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